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Now and Then
Thanksgiving Times
 By Virginia Morgan

Now

Sunday, November 21 will mark the 14th year seniors from Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester have been treated to a Thanksgiving Dinner by eighth grade students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. Doors will open at 11:00 am, followed by dinner at 12:00 noon.

Co-Chairman and teacher Erin Sullivan, in cooperation with school administrators, explained the joint event will have the school cafeteria workers volunteering to do the cooking; the teachers will prepare the dishes and the students will deliver the meals.

Other eighth grade students will serve as greeters and assist the seniors, when needed. Ms. Sullivan said 300 free tickets were distributed, with 100 going to each town's Council on Aging (COA).

Before being served dinner, seniors will be entertained with appropriate music with Roger Botelho, special education teacher, playing the accordion to create a festive mood.

Door prizes, donated by parents and area businesses, will be awarded by the drawing of ticket stub numbers. In past years the seniors have enjoyed this



Above: At the Munroe Land Trust property in Mattapoisett, Marilyn Flood and Marcia Perez of the Garden Group of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club recently presented a check for \$350 to Gary Johnson, President of the Mattapoisett Land Trust. The gift is to be used for the acquisition of the Boardman property (Hiller Cove) and is the proceeds of the group's recent fall plant auction and sale held at Dunseith Gardens in Mattapoisett. The Garden Group will next be decorating around town for the holidays on Wednesday, December 1.

Cover: Town Meeting voters in Rochester this week approved \$30,000 to clean out offices in the overcrowded Town Hall and relocate several town departments to a new Town Hall Annex to be housed within the Rochester Women's Club (pictured here) on Route 105. The town will be leasing soon-to-be-renovated space in the Women's Club on a monthly basis with an option to renew in three-year increments. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

special event, with young people and the seniors enjoying the day together in a spirit of community service.

Then

In 1932, the Center School yearbook, "The Wanderer," featured short articles by students. An eighth grade student, Emily Bettencourt, wrote the following poem:

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

A small gray ship came sailing
 One cold November morn
 And all was bleak and desolate
 The land was bare and shorn.

The little boat dropped anchor
 The children leapt for the sod,
 And then that weary little band



Above: The vocal troupe "Voices in Time," under the direction of vocal instructor Sharon Jensen of Rochester, will be singing for the Special Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 18 at 5:00 pm at Memorial School in Rochester. The annual event is sponsored by the Rochester Police Brotherhood. (Photo courtesy of Sharon Jensen).

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And men kept guard while savages
Nearer and nearer grew.

After living here a great many months
They decided to give thanks,
And so they invited the Indians bold
To join them in a few old pranks.

The women cooked the turkeys,
Wild chickens, clams and fish,
While the Indians brought some pop corn
Which to the Pilgrims was a new dainty dish.

They played old games and fired guns
And feasted for a week
Until the Indians began to think
That God the white man better did treat.

Now that was many years ago,
But still again today
We celebrate Thanksgiving
On the same old day.

– Emily Bettencourt, Eighth Grade, Center School, 1932

Music and Mirth

Voices at Rochester Thanksgiving Dinner

The children of "Voices in Time" will be entertaining for a special Thanksgiving Dinner at Rochester's Memorial School for the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) on Thursday, November 18 at 5:00 pm. The event is sponsored by the Rochester Police Brotherhood.

"Voices in Time" is a local vocal troupe that performs under the direction of vocal instructor Sharon Jensen of Rochester. The group, now in its ninth year, has been volunteering their services in providing good, old-fashioned entertainment for a variety of public venues including nursing homes, assisted livings, community

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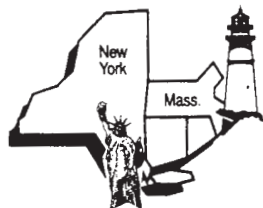
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fairs, and fund-raising events. The troupe includes children from ages 6 to 17 years of age. They have performed this year for more than 25 public events. For more information about "Voices in Time," please contact Sharon Jensen at 508-494-5383.

**ORR School Committees
and Tri-Town Officials**

November 10, 2004

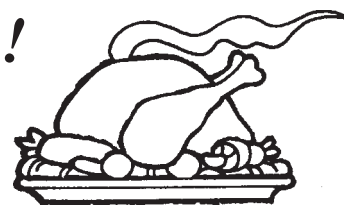
By Kenneth J. Souza

A joint meeting of the ORR District School Committee; the Mattapoisett School Committee; the Marion School Committee; the Rochester School Committee; the ORR School Superintendency Union No. 55; the



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Tri-Town Finance Committees; and the Tri-Town Boards of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm at ORR High School. The meeting was scheduled to begin reviewing the budget process for Fiscal Year 2006, but also in response to a recent Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting.

"The purpose of this meeting is to kick off the budget season and give people the opportunity to inter-face about the Fiscal '06 budget and then, at the end of the night, hopefully have a chance to exchange some of the ideas with your respective Town Meetings," said ORR School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper in his opening remarks. "Late last week it was brought to our attention there was information in the newspaper that was some-what upsetting to school people and we thought we should try and set the record straight."

Dr. Cooper was referring to an article in *The Wanderer* documenting the Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting during which officials from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester discussed ideas to potentially maintain and trim back escalating education costs. This discussion was spurred, in part, by the recent institution of \$100-per-pupil bus transportation fee being assessed to ORR students.

"In the three years that I've been here, we haven't (added) teaching staff," Dr. Cooper said, challenging the assertion that new teachers have been hired. "Another (wrong assumption) was that we were clandestine with

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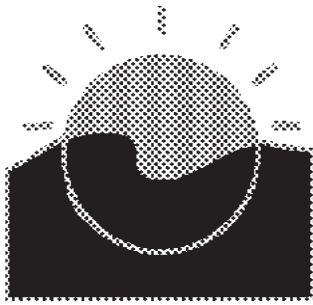
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subject to the budget, which is absolutely ridiculous. Anyone who wants a copy of the budget is welcome to (it). They are public documents. We pass them out to the Finance Committees (FinComs) and we don't hold them back from the Selectmen. People are imagining we're running a clandestine operation."

As to the controversy over the recently-charged bus transportation fees, Dr. Cooper said this was brought up as a possible scenario during last year's budget discussions. "This was part of the budget last winter and the FinCom members knew it, so that was below the belt as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Dr. Cooper also made it clear that the school budget is audited on a regular basis as per state law. He

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was surprised that "no one at the (Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting) knew the school system has to have an audit," he said. "That's what the people in the three towns believe now — that we don't audit our books, that we don't share the budget. That's really good PR as we go into the new Fiscal Year. We audit the books and we generally audit them before the towns. Ours is done for FY04 ... and you can have a copy."

Another cost-cutting suggestion made by the regional officials was to possibly disband the ORR School Superintendency Union and revert the operation of each of the towns' elementary schools to their respective town.

"That's a great idea," Dr. Cooper said. "Dissolve the (superintendency union) to save money. Like you're not going to need a superintendent and a business office. You may be able to get a superintendent that's a little less expensive than I am, but not a whole lot ... (and) you would still need a superintendent for ORR."

One suggestion made at the Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting which Dr. Cooper did think was viable was looking into the purchasing and operating of a school bus fleet for the three towns. "We're still open to that and I think it would be great," he said.

Dr. Cooper said he was most bothered by the fact that the schools — and in particular, ORR High School — seem to become the favored "whipping post" when times are tough.

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to beat the daylight out of it and expect it to be a great high school," Dr. Cooper said. "If you trash it and put it into a secondary position, that's what it will be. You build your own prophecies ... and it's always ORR. High schools are rather complex deals and ... (ORR) isn't going to be made better by tearing it down. How is the community well-served if you put your high school down? Who wins? The students? The residents? I don't get it."

Facing a difficult budget season ahead, Dr. Cooper felt he and the area school officials needed to respond to the "incorrect information" offered by tri-town officials and published in *The Wanderer*. "We were upset (and) we thought we had to respond," he said. "It's not a great way to start the budget season."

Looking ahead, Dr. Cooper said other pressing issues include spacing constraints at Rochester's Memorial School, the possibility of funding and running an educational television channel out of ORR High School, and paying escalating utility bills. "We've got some big issues as we look ahead to 2006," he said. "The state aid picture is better, but ... the burden still falls to the local taxpayer in a disproportionate fashion, in my opinion."

Marion Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, who did not attend the Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting in question, thanked Dr. Cooper for his comments and expressed regret over how the meeting was interpreted. "Unfortunately I was not at that meeting and I was concerned at some of the comments made and I appreciate your (input)," he said.

After each of the three towns was given time to discuss some school budgeting concerns with their respective Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees, the collective group aired some of the key issues for FY 2006.

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75 percent of the school budgets are comprised of "people-driven costs" and that's what makes it difficult to gauge each year. "The cost of people is huge in this thing (and) the increased cost of people is, therefore, huge," he said. "To me that is probably the biggest issue as it relates to the operating budget and in some of the disconnects that we have."

Dr. Cooper concurred, but noted that teachers' salaries are well in line for communities of the same size. "You're not going to be able to pay a whole lot more or a whole lot less in these small communities," he said.

"Your major issue about the number of teachers is being driven by that market cost of people versus the affordability of the towns," Mr. Hayes said. "That's a huge

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"The cost of the teachers is not going down," Dr. Cooper said. "You either make the classes bigger or get more teachers."

Priscilla Thompson of the Marion FinCom said they were hoping to cap salaries at 2.6 across-the-board so that all contracted employees are given the same adjustments. "We're very concerned about contract negotiations coming up not just with the schools but with DPW and police," she said. "We also talked about trying to take a look at some more creative solutions from the school committee's point-of-view."

According to Selectman Gary Laboa of Rochester, they are struggling to give town employees the minimum cost-of-living increases. "We just can't find any more than 2 or 3 percent (in the budget)," he said. "The ideal situation is that everything in the budget gets approved. Growth is always an issue in Rochester (and) we know the Memorial School (growth) issue is going to be a problem."

Rochester FinCom Chairman Michael Costa noted the school budget process they've used for the past two years has "worked very well," he said. "If the Selectmen want a better understanding of that, they're welcome to attend the meetings. In Rochester we spend much more time on the school budgets ... because that's where all the money is."

"I think we are cautiously optimistic," added Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Botelho. "We've had some substantial new growth and we've got our union agreements pretty much behind us. We also have some other projects that we're working on."

To that end, Mattapoisett Selectman Jordan Collyer said they held an organizational meeting of the Mattapoisett Wind Power Study Committee the night before to "find a useful way to funnel all the hot air in the

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three towns," he mused. "The first task is to work on building a (weather) tower here at ORR High School. As part of that deal, the focus is to use the revenues from wind power to power this complex."

Selectman Collyer said wind turbines could be used at ORR to help defray up to \$500,000 of the school's annual electrical costs. "We're hoping to have a proposal by May to see what we can do over the next two to three years," he said. "It's our way of stepping outside the box, I guess."

Dr. Cooper suggested this joint group reconvene sometime around the end of January or the beginning of February to begin the school budget process in earnest. "We'll be meeting with the FinComs for ORR and then in the respective towns for the elementary school budgets," he said.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 16, 2004

By Patricia Aleks

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:03 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco. Selectman Stephen J.

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Lombard was not present for the meeting.

The board first approved the minutes of the November 2 meeting and approved and signed all 2005 liquor licenses. They next voted to appoint Deborah L. DeWalt as a member of the Mattapoisett Fire Station Building Committee and accepted, with regret, the resignations of Ron Merlo from the Planning Board and John DeMello from the Conservation Commission (ConCom).

The board also voted to declare the newly-appointed members of the Mattapoisett Wind Power Study Committee as Special Municipal Employees.

The first appointment of the evening was with Sam Matathia and Brad Ellis of Mattapoisett Cub Scout Troop 53. This meeting was Sam's last step in achieving his Citizenship Badge. Brad is working on his First Class badge. Both asked questions of the board as to how they could be better citizens. Selectmen Andrews explained the importance of voting when they become of age, and Selectman Collyer suggested they look into volunteer opportunities in the community.



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The next scheduled meeting was with NStar regarding a pole placement on Water Street. An abutting resident, Mr. Linhares, asked why the pole was not being placed at the property line, but was marked to the west. The NStar representative stated that it was her understanding the pole was on the property line, however Mr. Linhares pointed out that the stake on the property was not on the property line. The board voted to continue the pole hearing until their December 7, 2004 meeting to allow NStar to confirm that the pole location is within the property line.

The next appointment of the evening was with Building Inspector Andrew Bobola to update the board of his department's activities. The fees collected for inspectional services from January 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004 totalled \$139,473. By comparison, the fees collected in the entire calendar year for 2003 were \$112,714. There has been a substantial increase in inspections due to growth, according to Mr. Bobola.

Mr. Bobola also updated the Selectmen on his request for computer software used to maintain files, keep records of letters sent, permits issued, and other documentation. The software is GEO-TMS and is used by departments in Fairhaven and New Bedford, who are very satisfied with it. The approximate cost of the software is \$15,000. Town Administrator Michael Botelho stated that within the next quarter it may be possible to make this purchase.

The board granted Mr. Bobola permission to

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request of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department the hope of using an Inmate Tandem Work Crew to possibly paint and repair the Town Hall. Selectmen Collyer suggested all work projects on town buildings be considered and prioritized if the work crew is available for Mattapoisett. Mr. Bobola offered his and his secretary's services to assist the Planning Board to help fill the void created with the resignation of Catherine Koran. Mr. Botelho stated that it makes good sense to have Mr. Bobola assist the Planning Board and the citizens when possible. The Selectmen voted to have Mr. Botelho and Mr. Bobola approach the Planning Board about how this could work best.

In other matters, the board noted:

- The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

- There will be another Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm in the Rochester Police Department.

- Town shellfish buttons and beach stickers *will not* be going on sale for the months of December and January. A sale date will be determined at a later time.

- All town residents are cordially invited to "Holiday in the Park" on Saturday, December 4 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Shipyard Park. This is sponsored by the Town of Mattapoisett and the Mattapoisett Lions Club. Santa and Ms. Claus will be visiting all afternoon.

"There will be music and food and lots of fun," according to Melody Pacheco.

- The Mattapoisett Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- A new Princeton elm has been planted at the Town Beach. "It's a beauty," said Chairman Andrews.

- The next Mattapoisett Elementary School Building Committee meeting will be held on Thursday,

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There being no further matters to discuss in Open Session, the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss Collective Bargaining issues and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 16, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:02 pm by Chairman David Pierce. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator John F. Dolan Jr., and Secretary Helene Craver.

At 7:05 pm the board met with the Board of Assessors to conduct the Annual Tax Classification Hearing for 2005. Assessor Bradford Eames said the board is once again recommending a single tax rate this year for both residential and commercial property, since the



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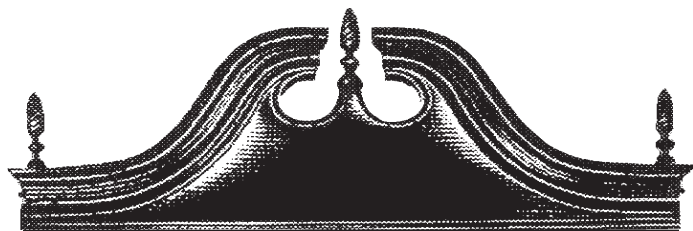


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town's commercial tax base is less than 4 percent. "Technically you are voting for a factor of one, which is a single tax rate," Mr. Eames said.

With that, the board unanimously voted to adopt a factor of one to maintain a single tax rate for both residential and commercial property townwide. Although it has not yet been certified, the estimated tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005 is about \$7.97 per \$1,000 of valuation.

At 7:09 pm the board met with Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Debra Blanchette to discuss the recent election results as to the County Commissioner race, which they are required to certify and report by law. The board signed and certified the final "official" election results for that race as requested. Ms. Blanchette also discussed the recent Special Town Meeting vote as to borrowing for the voter-approved harbor patrol boat purchase.

"Normally the harbor patrol boat would be (bonded) for five years, but if we can show the life of the boat would be longer, we could (extend) the loan," she said. "I talked to the Marine Resource Commission (MRC) and they preferred 10 years. It spreads the payments out over a longer period of time."

"I think it makes sense because interest rates now are low," Selectman Jeffrey said. "They also have some other projects coming up."

Selectman Henry asked what happened if the boat was damaged before the 10-year period.

"We have hull insurance on the town vessels," Mr. Dolan said. "You're not guaranteeing it will last 10 years, you're just providing your good faith estimate that it will last 10 years."

Chairman Pierce next discussed the formation of a Fireworks Study Committee. "Our feeling is that we promised some degree of action ... (and) we really should continue in that direction," Chairman Pierce said. "I'm

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suggesting a monthly meeting so that by September or October of 2005 a recommendation would be made to the Board of Selectmen as to what to do relative to the fireworks (in 2006)."

The board previously voted to not support a town-sponsored fireworks display for 2005.

With that, the board invited interested residents to submit their names for consideration as potential appointees to the Fireworks Study Committee. The board is planning to appoint members during their December 21 meeting.

The board next discussed the Town House holiday schedule. Mr. Dolan said the Marion Town House is closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, November 25 and 26, as per contracts with town employees. But he added that traditionally the Town House will also close on the day prior to Thanksgiving (November 24) at 12:00 noon. "It's not something that's mandated by contract, but it's something that the Board of Selectmen has done for the town employees," Mr. Dolan said.

The board voted to close the Marion Town House at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 24; and noted it would also be closed all day on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

"I do hear a lot of griping that people out in the 'real world' have to work on the Friday after Thanksgiving," Selectman Henry added. "They have two-and-a-half days off and it seems excessive to me."

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House is closed on Christmas Day (December 25), this year December 25 falls on a Saturday, so employees are given December 24 off as the "holiday." As such, Mr. Dolan asked whether the board wanted to also close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 23.

"I suggest we not close early on December 23," Selectman Jeffrey said. "If Christmas falls on a weekday and there's no preceding day (off) because of contract obligations, they'd get the half day (on Christmas Eve)."

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dolan said they have completed contract negotiations with the Department of Public Works (DPW) union. "The key provisions of the contract are there would be a three-percent increase for DPW workers, retroactive to July 1;



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"I just want to commend the DPW Superintendent for dealing with the vehicle issue," Selectman Jeffrey said, noting that Rob Zora was quick to address the board's concerns over this matter.

With that, the board unanimously voted to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Marion and the Marion DPW union as submitted.

Mr. Dolan also advised the board that they are close to finalizing the cable contract renewal with Comcast, but they have asked for an extension through December 9. The board unanimously voted to grant the extension as requested.

Lastly, Mr. Dolan said the closing date for Building Commissioner applications had passed and they received seven applications. He suggested conducting an initial "paper screening" and then narrow the field down to three or four candidates to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, December 1 starting at 6:00 pm.

When asked if they wanted the input of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in making a recommendation, Selectman Henry said he didn't think it was necessary and he'd rather reserve the executive selection privilege for the Selectmen.

"I would suggest anyone from the public could give you their input," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I don't mean they should be part of the interview process ... but if the head of the ZBA or anyone else wanted to give you input, that's fine."

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Chairman Pierce said a follow-up Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting was slated for Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm at the Rochester Police Department. Among planned agenda items: a shared Tri-Town Planner, adopting Wind Power for various sites including the ORR High School complex, and ongoing budget issues including the local and regional schools.

"I look at the Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting as a strategic planning session," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I think (ideas) should be put into a smaller committee and have them work on it instead of nine Selectmen."

"Mattapoisett has already had their first Wind Power Study Committee meeting," Chairman Pierce said, adding that he was invited to attend. "I guess I'd like to proceed with attending the Mattapoisett meetings ... and then have Marion get its act together and form its own committee."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:15 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 15, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 15 at 6:51 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa in the cafetorium of Rochester's Memorial School prior to a planned Special

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The board first met with Police Chief Paul Magee to introduce them to Elizabeth Rich, whom he is recommending for appointment as a part-time police officer with the Rochester Police Department. Ms. Rich may later be eligible for a full-time slot with the department given the recent resignation of two full-time officers. "She's originally from Worcester and spent some time on Nantucket," Chief Magee said. "She currently resides in New Bedford and ... is an excellent candidate for appointment."

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mend the future appointment of Kevin Flynn to one of the vacant full-time positions on the Rochester Police Department. As such, he is seeking a waiver from the Board of Selectmen to allow Mr. Flynn to begin working with the department immediately before completing his required Police Academy tenure. The board unanimously voted to grant the waiver as requested.

Chairman Laboa next noted receipt of a memo from the Rochester Board of Assessors (BOA) advising that due to a revision in their Fiscal Year 2005 revaluation schedule, tax bills won't be sent out until sometime in mid-January of 2005. Residents can always make tax payments in advance, however, and would benefit from doing so before the end of the calendar year.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon noted there would be a follow-up Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm to be hosted by the town at the Rochester Police Station; and the Annual Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 18 starting at 5:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School. Entertainment will be provided by the group "Voices in Time."

In other matters, Mr. Huntoon added that some cleanup work is being done at the Town Hall. "The repair to the downstairs area is still ongoing," he said.

Under Old Business, Selectman Nunes asked about the proposed plans for the previously suggested town employee holiday party. "Do you want to try and



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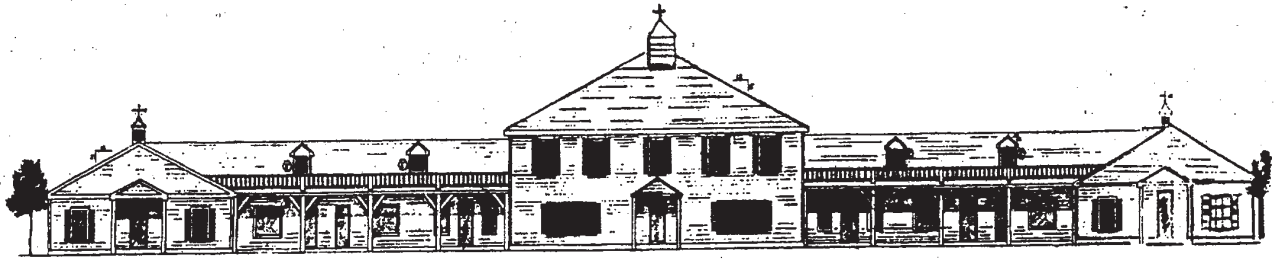
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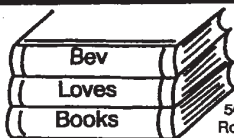
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pick a date ... so we can see if the Senior Center is available?" Chairman Laboa asked. Selectman Nunes said he would check on a potential date and the availability of the Rochester Senior Center for the potluck function.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to recess until the Special Town Meeting convened at 7:30 pm.

Rochester Special Town Meeting

November 15, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Rochester was called to order at 7:33 pm by Town Moderator Greenwood "Woody" Hartley in the cafetorium of Memorial School having noted the presence of a quorum of some 80 registered voters.

Under **ARTICLE 1**, voters were asked to amend Part IV of the town's Classification and Compensation Plan to reflect a 3 percent increase, retroactive to July 1, 2004, for all town employees. This measure was narrowly defeated at the recent Annual Town Meeting and town officials felt Town Hall employees should be brought in line with other town departments.

"Part of this adjustment is the cost of living adjustment (COLA)," Selectmen Chairman Gary Laboa said. "We've been requested by several town employees to bring this article back (before voters) because it basically mirrors contractual obligations that we have with a



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Article 1 passed via majority vote.

Under **ARTICLE 2**, voters were asked to approve a total \$266,707 in Supplemental Appropriations for the current Fiscal Year General Operating Budget.

"I'd just like to explain the two largest items," Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Michael Costa said. "The \$213,137 for Rochester Memorial School to cover a bus contract the regional district (signed) with the bus company ... (and) the \$30,000 for the Police Depart-

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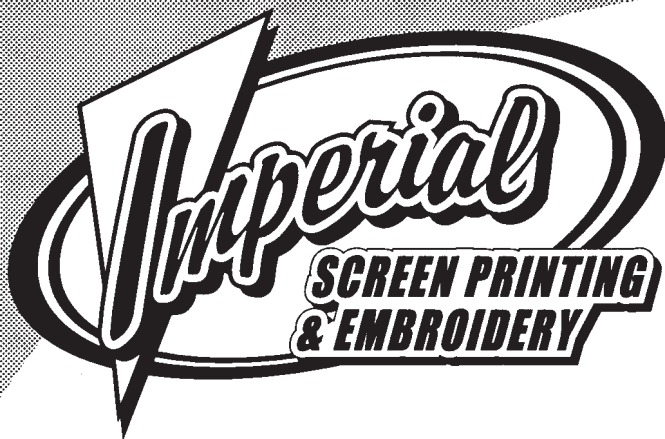
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ment wages are needed to supplement salaries for two police officers who recently resigned."

There being no debate or objections, Article 2 passed unanimously.

Under **ARTICLE 3**, voters were asked to appropriate \$2,443 for the town's share of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all members of the Rochester Fire Department. This amount reflects a 10-percent matching contribution toward the total purchase. Article 3 passed unanimously.

Under **ARTICLE 4**, voters were asked to appropriate the sum of \$173,193 under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004. "These monies are given annually toward highway repairs and ... does not impact the local tax rate," Mr. Costa said. Article 4 passed unanimously.

Under **ARTICLE 5**, voters were asked to appropriate \$29,000 and transfer \$11,000 from Article 18 of the June 5, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to cover the cost of leasing space within close proximity to the Town Hall for a so-called Town Hall Annex. Given recent Requests for Proposals (RFPs) received for potential lease sites, the article was amended to appropriate only \$19,000 along with the \$11,000 for a total of \$30,000.

"We got two responses: one from Plumb Corner and one from the Rochester Women's Club (and) the Rochester Women's Club was significantly less money," Selectman Laboa said. "The offices (in Town Hall) are

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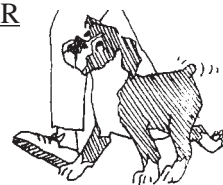
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crowded, the meeting room has cubicles in it — there are serious space issues. This isn't going to alleviate all the problems, but it will allow us to move a lot of the filing cabinets into the new (space) and create some additional room and possibly construct an ADA-approved bathroom in the existing Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen voted 2-to-1 to support the Women's Club lease proposal."

The lone dissenter, Selectman Richard Nunes, felt the idea of leasing space for a Town Hall Annex was a waste of money. "I think the Town Hall was more crowded two years ago when the Council on Aging (was in there)," he said. "Right now in Town Hall we have a vacant office upstairs that 99 percent of the time isn't used. Essentially, there is no policy about archiving records. Every piece of paper is saved in Town Hall. That's just my opinion, but I differ from my fellow Selectmen and the FinCom."

Selectman Nunes suggested that a modular office building constructed adjacent to the existing Town Hall in the parking area between it and the Congregational Church Vestry was a wiser choice. "By leasing office space at Plumb Corner or the Women's Club, you're not going to make the Town Hall compliant with ADA regulations," he said. "Leasing office space is just throwing money out the window. I'm sure some town employees would like bigger offices, but it's not necessary."

Building Inspector Bob Francis, whose department was targeted to move into the Town Hall Annex, noted that under current state requirements for space the Town Hall is severely cramped. "The whole Town Hall is overcrowded by state law," he said. "It isn't that people want bigger offices, they want offices that are legal."

"My first choice would have been Plumb Corner ... because it's already fitted out and it's convenient," Selectman Laboa said. "But you can't ignore the cost difference between the (proposals). If the numbers were

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close, I would have pushed for the Plumb Corner location. I'm not saying the Women's Club is the best solution, but no one has put anything better on the table."

For those who questioned whether leasing space in the short-term would eventually become a long-term solution, Selectman Laboa advised they are only signing a three-year lease initially, with the option to renew in three-year increments thereafter as needed.

"Lots of businesses lease space," added FinCom Chairman Michael Costa. "This is a low-cost, short-term solution to the housing crisis we have at Town Hall. The other option that has been thrown out tonight is an old proposal to putting an addition on Town Hall. Personally, I wouldn't want to see a trailer parked next to our Town

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With that, Article 5 passed via majority vote.

Under **ARTICLE 6**, voters were asked to amend the FinCom By-Law making the Town Accountant an ad hoc, non-voting member of the FinCom. "For the past six years the current Town Accountant has been an alternate member on the FinCom," Mr. Costa said. Article 6 carried unanimously.

Under **ARTICLES 7 - 10**, voters were asked to amend specific sections of the town's Personnel By-Laws to reinstate language that had been inadvertently deleted by a prior Town Meeting vote, according to Personnel Board Chairman Paul Hughes. As such:

- Article 7 allowed full-time employees to have three personal days a year and part-time employees "shall receive three personal days a year according to the number of pro-rated days or hours per full-time week."

- Article 8 required employees to present a doctor's certificate on return to work after being out sick for five consecutive days.

- Article 9 required employees to submit to an annual physical exam administered by a town-designated physician if needed to determine the employee's ability to perform his/her job safely.

- Article 10 allotted sick leave time for town employees if an immediate family member became ill.

ARTICLE 11, which asked voters to amend the Personnel By-Laws to allow accumulated sick leave as a result of a catastrophic accident or illness resulting in four weeks or more of disability, was a bit more contentious as the FinCom did not recommend its passage and several residents felt it was "a little overgenerous" to town employees. But Article 11 passed via majority vote, 43 to 29.

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There being no further articles to consider, the Special Town Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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• **Providence College Beats UConn:** It was as if the hoops were covered with lids in this match-up. Both teams had great shots that just wouldn't fall! In the end, it was the Friars over the Huskies, 9-6.

Katie Wilbur was relentless on the offensive boards putting shots back up, netting 4 points. Teammates Kevin Tripp, Tommy Gammell and Cam Severino contributed with good passing, setting picks, and rebounding. Katelyn Cummings had numerous steals.

The Huskies' top scorer was Peter Krause with 4 points. Spencer Grace had a great game with 10 rebounds and 2 steals.

• **Boston College Defeats Holy Cross:** The BC Eagles had a strong offensive showing from Will Coucci (10 points), Alex Gordon (8 points), and Greg Valentgas (6 points) for the win. Andrew Reilly was a force defensively bringing down rebounds and causing tie-ups.

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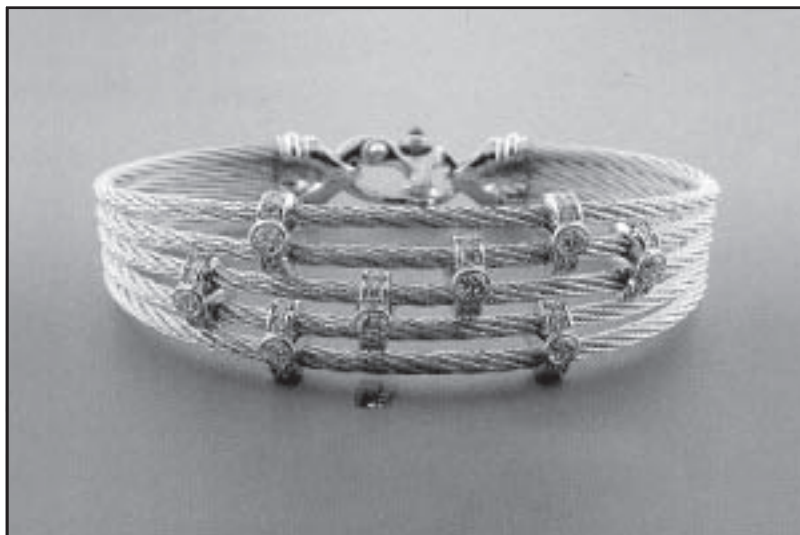
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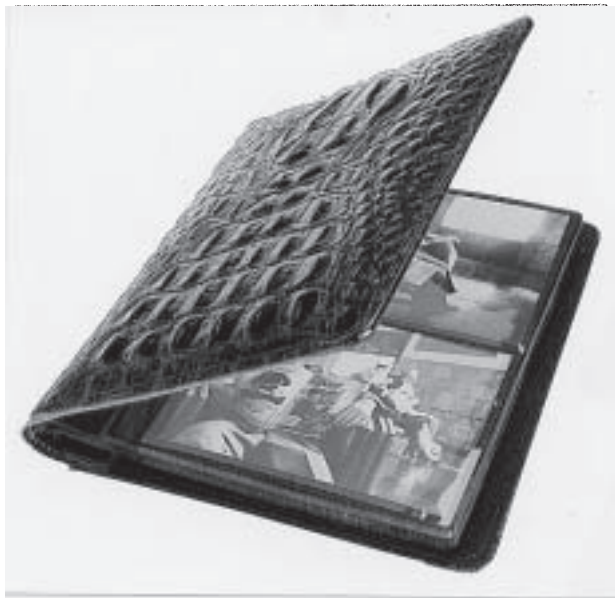


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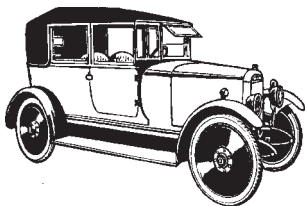
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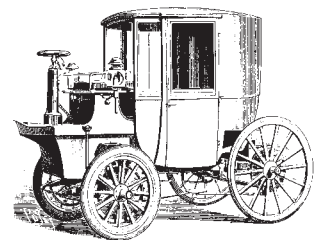
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Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to news@wanderer.com, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to 508-758-4845.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We felt compelled to respond to the letter written by a Mr. Bob Marckini and published in *The Wanderer*. We believe it is immoral to violate the Tinkham Forest Trust. In this age of greed, we hope that our conscience and sense of justice will prevail. It is as simple as that!

If The Bay Club is successful in breaking the trust, the land should revert by all rights to Mr. Tinkham's heirs. It is time to do what is right!

P.S. We are curious. How does the writer define a "quality" person?

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The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to support those afflicted with this disease as well as those who care for them. The Alzheimer's Association provides a 24-hour help line (1-800-548-2111), the Safe Return Wanderers Alert program, and educational and support programs for people with Alzheimer's, their families and professionals.

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Educational programs and events are being held throughout the state and many of them in our local area. For further information on these programs, please contact the helpline or www.alzmass.org.

Sincerely,

Terrie Arruda

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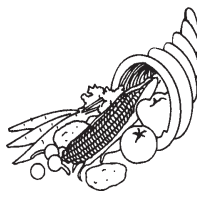
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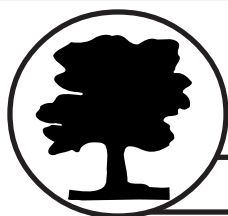
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The Candy Table promises to provide some sweet treats for the holiday. There will be a Bake Table, and Attic Treasures which is always a popular hit at our Fair, the Grand Raffle with first prize being \$500 cash, the Ornament will be a snowflake personalized if you wish and, of

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Music Man at ORR

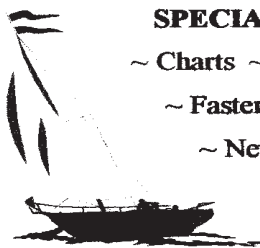
Seventy-Six Trombones will most certainly lead the way as *The Music Man, Jr.* comes to Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. A part of "The Broadway Junior Collection" with music and lyrics by Meredith Willson and book by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey, this adaptation of the American musical classic tells the story of fast-talking salesman Harold Hill, played by Koby Williamson, and his adventure River City, Iowa where he falls in love with town librarian Marian Paroo, played by Liz Maxey.

Julia Kantner is featured as Mrs. Paroo with Ethan Anderson appearing as the loving, lisping Winthrop. Anthony Pettinato and Chelsie Nectow are the Mayor and Mrs. Shinn trying to keep order in the town and their family when daughter Zaneeta (Jessica Shor) sneaks off with teen heartthrob Tommy (Mitch Suzan). With Kristin Solimini, Mary Kate Oien, Lucy McDonald, and Molly Plunkett leading the "Pick a Little" ladies and Kevin

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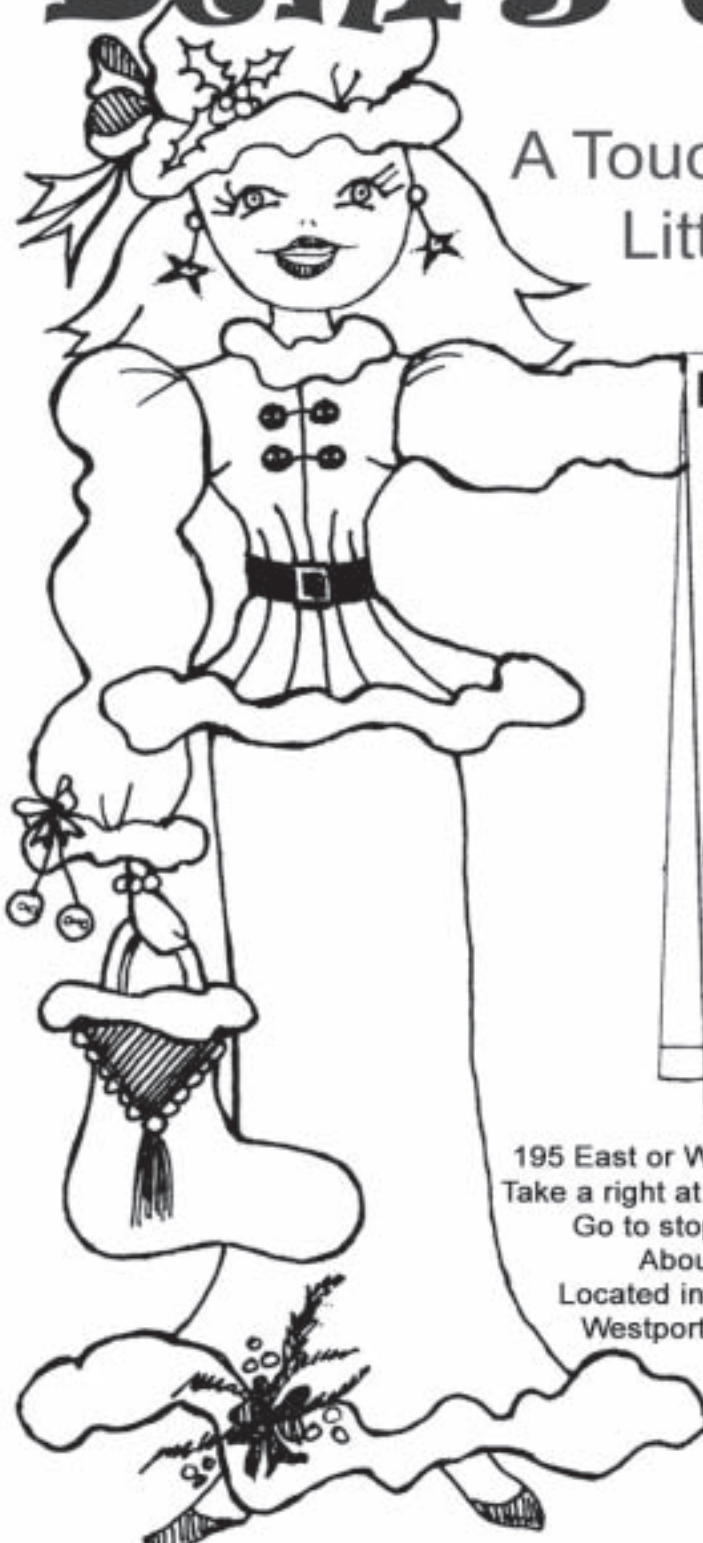
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Performances will be held on Wednesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Junior High School Auditorium. Tickets are now on sale through ORR Drama Club members or at the Junior High Office (508-758-4928).

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 1 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Jeff Lefleur, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Cranberry Association. Jeff has entitled his presentation "Cranberry 101" and will cover the long history of the industry's market share around the globe.

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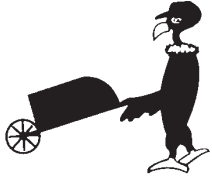


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Tabor Piano Concert

On Thursday, December 2 at 8:00 pm, jazz pianist Matt Richard will present a solo concert in the Lyndon South Auditorium at Tabor Academy. The program will feature standards and original music from Richard's latest CD recording, *Talking To Myself*. There is no admission fee to the concert.

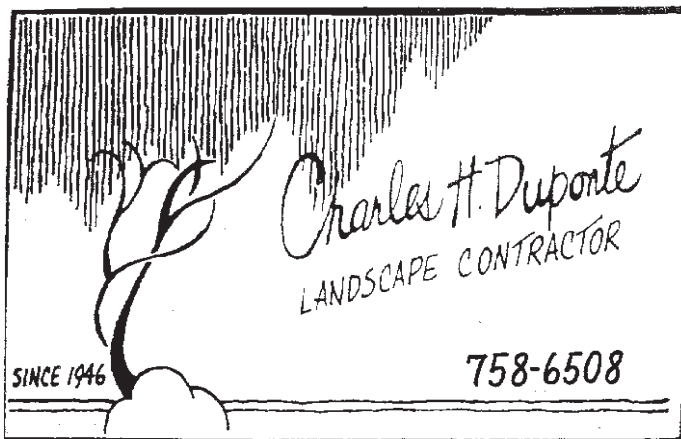
ORR Students of the Month

Simonne J. Conlon, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following "Students of the Month" for October, 2004:

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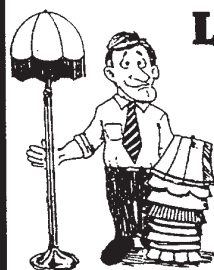
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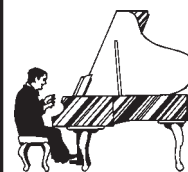
On Saturday, patrons will pick up their pre-ordered wreaths and poinsettias at the library.

On Sunday, the Plumb Corner Mall will have their annual Toys for Tots and Damien's Pantry Food Drives. Santa will visit with the children and everyone will be entertained by two or three choral groups. A craft fair/flea market will be held in the end building next to Towne Pizza. Vendor space is still available.

Carolers will be at the First Congregational Church on Sunday. Following the carolers, refreshments will be available at the Fellowship Hall.

On Monday night, the Christmas tree on the town green will be lit and the chorus group from the Memorial School will be singing.

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

New Location: The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) has moved! As of November 15, they're located in Rooms C-130 and C-140 at Center School in Mattapoisett. Please enter at main entrance and park across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The phone number is still 508-758-4110. The Senior Center is open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

- **Monday, November 22** – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; SHINE Counselor 9:30 am; Garden Club 10:00 am; Fairhaven Marts 1:00 pm;
- **Tuesday, November 23** – Stop and Shop/Marts 8:00 am; Handwork Group 10:00 am; Weight Training 2:00 pm;
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• **Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30 pm** – Dress rehearsal for ORR High School production of *A Christmas Carol*, open to area seniors. Donations of food for local food pantry will be appreciated. Please call the COA (508-758-4110) to arrange for a ride, if needed.

Rochester Grange Breakfast

The Sippican Pomona Grange #31 consists of Rochester, Fairhaven, Acushnet and South Middleboro Granges. Meeting once a month in one of the four Grange Halls, members gather to promote Grange work and serve the community in whatever way they can.

On Sunday, November 21, Sippican will hold a public breakfast from 8:00 am to 10:30 am at the South Middleboro Grange Hall, Route 28 in South Middleboro. The breakfast includes pancakes (plain or blueberry), scrambled eggs, bacon, homefries, toast (white or wheat), juice, milk and coffee. Tickets are \$5 and can be bought at the door. There will also be a turkey/grocery basket on donation. If you have ever attended a Mother's or Father's Day breakfast at the hall, you know what a fine breakfast is served.

Join them for a great breakfast and help the Granges to continue their work. Who knows, you may be the one to go home with everything you need for your Thanksgiving Dinner. *Hope to see many of you there!*

Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The 21st Annual Holiday Shop opens at the Marion Art Center on Friday, November 19 with a gala reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Featured artists and artisans are: Veronique Bale, Karen Berman-Mulligan, David Bill, Gale Blalock, Sarah Brown, Charlotte Kaplan, Jean Chase, Mariah Champagne, Donna Driscoll, Karen Eames, Peter Eames, Ruth Edwards, Peter Guilday, Whare Heke, Sarah Hicks, Elizabeth Howland, Gretchen Joy, Paula Kochanek, Bunny Mogilnicki, Theresa LaBrecque, Lissa Magauran, Faith Martin, Helen McMullen, Joe Montour, Barbara Newman, Sherri Panek, Kyle Pardo, Rose Marie Provonost, Lillian Rose, Mary Ross, Sosie Sagherian, Ginny Stenhauer, Peter Stone, Taye Townley, Carol Vincent, Kim VanVoriss, Stephanie Walenski, Lisa Whitney.

The Holiday Sale includes jewelry, scarves and clothing, unique bird houses, sculpture, sailor's valentines, handbags, mermaids, cards, books, prints, ornaments and much more. All items are hand-made, one of a kind. The galleries at the Marion Art Center are open

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Christmas Pageant

Reservations are now being accepted for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a classic holiday comedy by Barbara Robinson, to be performed at the Marion Art Center on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. This family entertainment features a large cast of children and adults directed by Michele Kelley assisted by Annie Giddings.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Baby Doll

By Rob Gonsalves
<http://robsreviews.cjb.net>



Seed of Chucky. Starring Jennifer Tilly and the voice of Brad Dourif. Directed by Don Mancini. Running time: 87 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Connoisseurs of self-reflexive trash could probably do worse than *Seed of Chucky*, a gutbucket farce that works better as a lampoon of Hollywood than as a horror movie. This is number five in the *Child's Play* series, which began in 1988 with the premise that your kid's curiously lifelike doll (seemingly patterned on a Cabbage Patch Kid) could be possessed by the spirit of a serial killer. Brad Dourif has been cashing easy checks for the past fourteen years as the voice of Charles Lee Ray, a.k.a. Chucky, the homicidal doll whose third film purportedly inspired two British boys to murder a three-year-old, and whose fourth outing, 1998's *Bride of Chucky*, found him fixed up with a gothy doll, Tiffany, inhabited by the spirit of his former girlfriend (Jennifer Tilly).

The result of the dolls' passion in *Bride* turns up in *Seed of Chucky* as a rather forlorn, sharp-toothed doll (voice by Billy Boyd of *The Lord of the Rings* — the hobbit who *isn't* on *Lost*) with a gender-identity crisis. The spawn, self-named Glen or Glenda depending on his/her mood (in a probable nod to Ed Wood's anti-masterpiece of the same name), reunites with Chucky and Tiffany, who are quite busy these days in Hollywood, where they're employed as "actors" in the horror movie *Chucky Goes Nuts*. The star of this epic is none other than Jennifer Tilly, playing herself as a sarcastic *zaftig* has-been who's not above sleeping with a rapper-turned-director (the rapper-turned-actor Redman) for a shot at the role of the Virgin Mary in his upcoming Biblical flick.

Writer-director Don Mancini (who has written all the *Chucky* films) paints his Hollywood satire in broad, crude strokes, but not everyone would have the wit to cast notorious director John Waters as a sleazy *paparazzo* — a role Waters probably relished, and it shows, right down to his over-the-top death scene. An early movie-within-the-movie murder is outrageously gory, and I assumed the MPAA went easy on it because it's "fake" in context. But then make-up wiz Tony Gardner appears as a, well, make-up wiz whose head is graphically, lingeringly divorced from his body, and we also get to see the caliber of Redman's intestinal fortitude (he's just eaten a hot dinner, so his innards *steam* on the floor). As Terry Jones, the director of the gore-drenched, PG-rated *Monty*



Python and the Holy Grail, can tell you, a spoonful of comedy helps the splatter go down.

Seed of Chucky is lowbrow junk with a pulse, stuffed plump with references to its ancestors, from *Halloween* to *Psycho* to *The Shining*. Chucky himself, despite the vocal exertions of the amused-sounding Brad Dourif, is as monotonously nihilistic as usual, a cackling doll-face with an appetite for destruction. The cleverly designed Tiffany is another story; she's the best thing to happen to this franchise, and with Tilly speaking her lines she's a demented mix of hell-raising and nurturing. In the flesh, Tilly has fun sending herself up, bemoaning her career choices, taking a couple of shots at Julia Roberts, and winking at fans of what's likely to be her headstone movie, *Bound* (there's a wonderfully crass Gina Gershon joke, too).

Curiously, this fifth installment is the first to be distributed by Rogue Pictures (who earlier gave us *Shaun of the Dead*), the action-horror wing of Focus Features, which in turn is the artsy division of Universal, who put out the previous *Chucky* films under its general banner. That accounts for the film's slick yet scrappily independent tone; if Julia Roberts gets miffed at Universal over the movie's jokes at her expense, the studio can always pin the blame on its twice-removed distributor. More importantly, an indie horror division with major-studio dollars behind it (*Seed of Chucky* got a 2,000-screen launch) can risk more while still staying under the radar (the cultural watchdogs are more concerned about insufficiently patriotic films these days than about *Child's Play* 5). With new movies by Wes Craven and George Romero in the pipeline, the horror genre is starting to be fun again, and Rogue Pictures can take some of the credit.

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 Alfie (R) — 12:45

Seed of Chucky (R) — 3:05, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25
 The Incredibles (PG) — 12:40, 1:00, 3:30, 4:05, 6:55, 7:00, 9:25, 9:30
 Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason (R) — 1:10, 4:00, 7:15, 9:35

The Grudge (PG-13) — 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:35
 After the Sunset (PG-13) — 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15
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 Saw (R) — 5:00, 7:25, 9:40
 Shark Tale (PG) — 1:00
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 Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason (R) — Fri: 3:30, 6:30, 8:50; Sat/Sun: 12:25, 3:30, 6:30, 8:50; Mon/Tue: 3:30, 6:35
 Enduring Love (R) — Fri: 3:50, 6:45, 9:05; Sat/Sun: 12:45, 3:50, 6:45, 9:05; Mon/Tue: 3:50, 6:45
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 The Grudge (PG-13) — 12:55, 4:15, 9:45
 Ray (PG-13) — 6:45
 After the Sunset (PG-13) — 12:55, 4:05, 7:10, 9:20
 The Incredibles (PG) — 12:50, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
 The Polar Express (G) — 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
 Shark Tale (PG) — 12:45
 Saw (R) — 2:40, 7:20
 Seed of Chucky (R) — 5:00, 9:40
 Bridget Jones: Edge of Reason (PG-13) — 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35
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Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The winter hours for the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, starting the week of November 22, 2004. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.



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Wednesday, November 24 – French toast sticks, ham sandwich, sausage link, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 25 – THANKSGIVING (no school).

Friday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING VACATION (no school).

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, November 22 – Corn chowder, herb roasted chicken, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, orange.

Tuesday, November 23 – Swedish meatballs, noodles, Harvard beets, dark rye bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Wednesday, November 24 – Roast pork in apple gravy, red bliss potatoes, winter mix vegetables, quick bread roll, birthday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, November 25 – THANKSGIVING (no meals served).

Friday, November 26 – Beef stew with vegetables, whipped potatoes, oatmeal bread, applesauce.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPoisett

Monday, November 22 – Toasted cheese, toasted ham and cheese, creamy tomato soup, fresh veggie sticks with ranch dip, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, November 23 – Chicken tenders, creamy mashed potatoes, baby carrots, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 24 – EARLY RELEASE (bagels served).

Thursday, November 25 – THANKSGIVING (no school).

Friday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING RECESS (no school).

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, November 22 – Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 23 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, November 24 – French toast sticks, ham sandwich, sausage link, fresh fruit, milk.

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• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

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Wednesday, November 24 – EARLY RELEASE (bagels served).

Thursday, November 25 – THANKSGIVING (no school).

Friday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING RECESS (no school).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, November 22 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, bread, cranberry sauce, fruit.

Tuesday, November 23 – Rib-a-que or bacon burger, French fries, corn, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, November 24 – THANKSGIVING RECESS (no school).

Thursday, November 25 – THANKSGIVING (no school).

Friday, November 26 – THANKSGIVING RECESS (no school).

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPoisett

Monday, November 22 – Toasted cheese, toasted ham and cheese, creamy tomato soup, fresh veggie sticks with ranch dip, chilled peaches, milk.

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INNER VIEWS

Naming Names

By Kenneth J. Souza

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Several tri-town parents were planning to protest the **Old Rochester Regional District School Committee** this past week over their unanimous decision last June to name the school's auditorium after ORR Junior High School's longtime Principal **Robert Gardner**, who has since retired. Some of the parents were apparently upset over Mr. Gardner's alleged mishandling of former ORR coach and teacher **John A. Shockro**, who was convicted of rape and sexual assault in December 1997 and was also set to be released this past week after serving seven years of an eight-year sentence for his crimes.

The school committee meeting in question was slated to begin at press time, so whether or not the parents' protests were heeded remains to be seen. But I suspect the ORR School Committee won't be readily swayed to reverse their June decision, despite the protests. I don't even know if or how Mr. Gardner can be held responsible for the fumbling of the Shockro matter and, frankly, I've heard enough rumor and conjecture over the last seven years to implicate everyone at every level of the school hierarchy in the case — a veritable "blame game" in which fingers are always pointing at someone else.

Oddly enough, this incident got me to thinking about the egotistical penchant of school officials to name buildings and school facilities after fellow administrators who, basically, did the job they were paid to do. I have nothing against Mr. Gardner, personally, and I understand that he was both well-respected and much-appreciated during his lengthy tenure at ORR — but does that warrant having to attend plays and Town Meetings in the newly-named "Robert Gardner Auditorium"?

In my mind, such honors and dedications should be reserved as a means of either memorializing those who have given up so much of their time and effort *volunteering* for community service efforts or, not to sound crass, those who have donated or bequeathed money to pay for such projects. Just off the top of my head, there are names that immediately come to mind in each of the three towns: Elizabeth Taber in Marion; Joseph Plumb in Rochester; or Florence Eastman in Mattapoisett. There are others, too — enough to fill pages here — but the point is these are all examples of people who were either great benefactors to the towns or those whose commitment to the community earned them the right to a lasting memorial.

Now I'm sure plans are already in the works to name something appropriate after that tireless community servant, the late John "Jack" DeCosta of Mattapoisett, who is certainly deserving of such an honor. And even though Jack was a town official, he was also known for his steadfast volunteer efforts, too.

I'm not questioning that Mr. Gardner did an outstanding job as Principal of ORR Junior High School, mind you. But that's just what it was: a job for which he was well-compensated. Since his retirement, he's also been honored and feted in other ways ... stamping his name above a door will neither tarnish nor cement his reputation for future generations.

What's next? The Joseph Alves Post Office, named after a 20-year veteran postal worker? The Mary Jones Emergency Room, named after a 30-year nurse? How about the Steve Smith lamp post or the Jen Wilson traffic light?

Personally, I'd like to rename each of the Selectmen's meeting rooms in the three Town Halls after yours truly because I've probably spent more time in them over the past 14 years than any one of the sitting Selectmen.

I'm sure there are people reading this thinking I've got some kind of grudge against Bob Gardner, but I can assure you there's nothing further from the truth. If you just step back and look at the whole thing objectively, you can't deny how vain the concept seems. And it's something that has been running rampant in schools of late — from the elementary school level all the way up to colleges and universities.

Is it a *nice* and *wonderful* honor? Yes. Absolutely.

But should it be done with public buildings that have been funded through the hard-earned tax dollars of residents in the three towns? Um. Methinks not.

To be sure, there are people out there with the clout and capital to get away with such self-aggrandizing: big-wigs like Donald Trump or the Hiltons, whose names have become more about brand and less about family. But we're not talking about hotels or casinos here ... we're talking about a public school facility that, by all rights, should be named after the roughly 16,000 residents in the tri-towns who footed a sizeable chunk of the bill.

Something identifiable and all-inclusive ... something like *the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium*.

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The first Click It or Ticket Mobilization is now taking place through November 28.

"This Click It or Ticket Mobilization will reduce the danger we all face from motor vehicle crashes during the heavily-traveled Thanksgiving Holiday period," said Chief Magee. "In addition to preventing aggressive and impaired driving and speeding, this mobilization will allow us to increase compliance with the Massachusetts safety belt and child passenger safety laws so more people will be protected."

The GHSB's Click It or Ticket, You Drink & Drive, You Lose, and Road Respect Campaigns, made possible by federal highway safety grants, combine traffic enforcement, public information, as well as community

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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of October 31, 2004 through November 6, 2004:

- Spring Street – adult arrest (junior operator without parent, lights violation, possession of Class D substance)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Cottage Street – parking violation
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Holmes Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Main Street – suspicious activity
- Green Street – suspicious activity
- Point Road – missing person
- Quail's Crossing Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Pitcher Street – larceny/past
- Mill Street – adult arrest (protective custody)
- Spring Street – youths in street
- Oakdale Avenue – officer wanted
- Shooters – assist other police department
- Mill Street – incapacitated person
- Marion Road – assist other police department
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Mansfield Avenue – family disturbance
- Front Street – waterways complaint
- Island Wharf Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – noise complaint
- Mill Street – larceny/past
- County Road – vandalism/past
- Front Street – adult arrest (speeding, negligent operation of motor

vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor: third offense)

- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pine Hill Lane – animal complaint
- Stuart Island – waterways complaint
- Holly Road – noise complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 7, 2004 through November 13, 2004:

- County Road – motor vehicle violations
- Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wolf Island Road – suspicious persons
- Marion Road – motor vehicle violations
- North Street – motor vehicle violations
- Ned's Point Road – harbor master emergency
- Randall Road – motor vehicle violations
- North Street – motor vehicle violations
- Fairhaven Road – animal control
- Lebaron Way – suspicious persons
- Crystal Spring Road – fire
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – harassing/annoying phone calls
- County Road – adult arrest
- Beech Wood Road – harassing/annoying phone calls
- Cannon Street – fire
- Eel Pond Area – suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – civil complaint
- Marion Road – property found
- Acushnet Road – vandalism
- Eldorado Drive – domestic disturbance
- Angelica Avenue – suspicious persons
- Long Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
- Pearl Street – assist other agency
- County Road – suspicious person
- Martin Avenue – suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Main Street – vandalism
- West Hill Road – disturbance
- Prospect Road – animal control

- Tinkham Hill Road – assist other agency
- Industrial Drive – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – family offense/non-violent
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 9, 2004 through November 16, 2004:

- Alley Road – suspicious activity
- Perry's Lane – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
- Hartley Road – animal control
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – restraining order service
- Dexter Lane – assist citizen
- Rounseville Road – suspicious activity
- Kings Highway – animal control
- Neck Road – animal control
- Mary's Pond Road – highway matter
- Dexter Lane – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
- Haskell Ridge Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – highway matter
- Vaughan Hill Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- High Street – motor vehicle accident
- Hartley Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Avenue – highway matter
- Morse Court – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – civil complaint
- Burgess Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Quaker Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Old Tuck Bog Road – breaking and entering
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

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education. The Click It or Ticket Campaign helped to increase Massachusetts safety belt use from 51 percent in 2002 to 63 percent in 2004. The You Drink & Drive, You Lose Campaign contributed to a decline in Massachusetts alcohol-related fatalities from 49 to 45 percent between 2002 and 2003. For more information, go to www.mass.gov/ghsb.

Chief Magee provided the following information on safety belts, booster seats and child safety seats:

- Safety belts reduce the risk of death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash by up to half. Yet a 2004 statewide survey conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau found only 63 percent of front seat occupants wear safety belts in Massachusetts as compared to

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20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primeval upheaval
29 See 14 Down
31 Mil. policy
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra

- 55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Roller-coaster feeling
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 — Marie Saint
72 TV's — "Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 — "Parkington" ('44 film)
81 G.I.'s address
82 — down (destroy)
83 Melodious McEntire
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 — nous
95 Cen. segments
97 "— -Tiki!"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"

- 102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the lea
107 Hosp. areas
108 "— luego"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65
Righteous Brothers hit
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforgettable" name
121 Born
122 "— Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up
138 Relate
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140 — friendly
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for 101 Across
143 Chore
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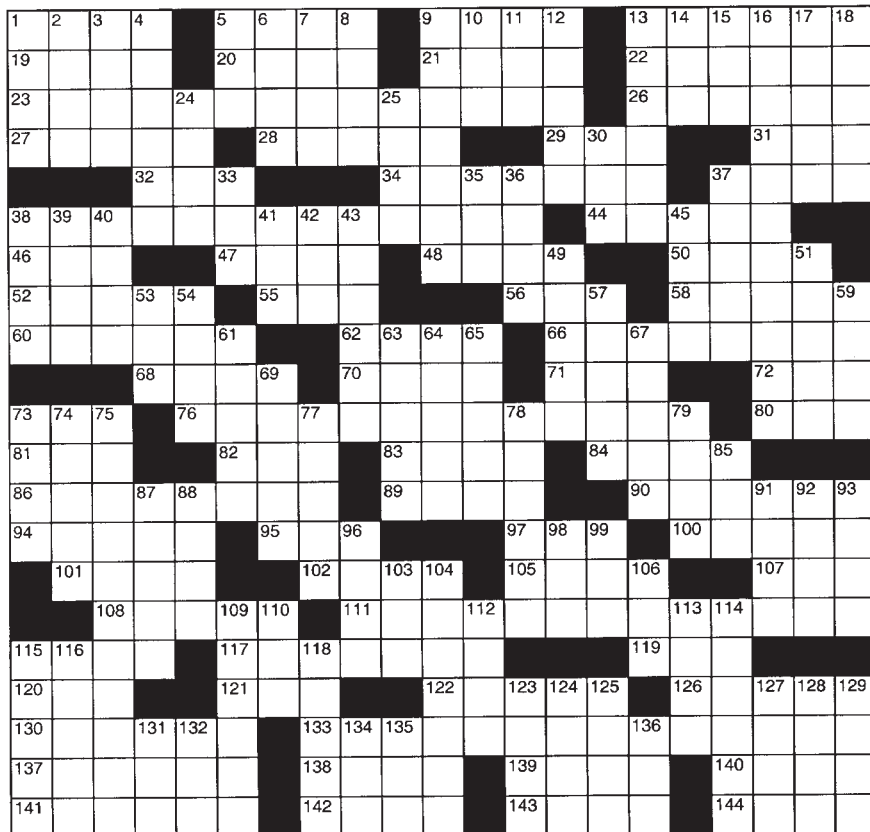
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17 Lasso
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35 From — Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
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- 42 — Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 "— a Lady" ('71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Relish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean
74 Marquis
75 Removes the cork
76 Poet turned electrician?
77 Nebbish
78 Maris or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
85 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride
92 Lot size

- 93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the deed
99 Safety —
103 "— generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End product
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 — majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving — Plaines, IL
132 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-sought workplace change could be happening soon.

Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until midweek. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workload is still high, but — good news! — you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.

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80 percent belt use nationwide. The lowest usage rate was among teen drivers at 60 percent.

- Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child 12 years of age or younger improperly restrained (\$25 fine per unbuckled occupant).

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- Children 12 years of age and under, especially those riding in a rear-facing child safety seat, should always ride properly restrained in the back seat away from an air bag.

Beer and Wine Tasting

The Tri-Town Charity Runners will be hosting a Beer and Wine Tasting on Sunday, December 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. It will be held at Turk's Seafood on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, please call Marissa Hughes at 508-763-9003. All proceeds will benefit The Greater Boston Food Bank.

ORR's Christmas Carol

As the holidays grow nearer, so does Old Rochester Regional High School's production of *A Christmas Carol*. The production is based on Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic and will be presented in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium of ORR High School in Mattapoisett. The show times are as follows: Thursday, December 2, at 8:00 pm; Friday, December 3, at 8:00 pm; Saturday, December 4, at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, December 5, at 2:00 pm.

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Mansfield, Owners 11/18, 11/25</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Marion Town House conference room on an Amend- ment to a an Order of Conditions (SE41-999) issued to THE TOWN OF MARION to extend the Town's sewer lines to: (1) the "Berry area" from approximately 391 Front Street to, and including, Briggs Terrace, Pumping Station Road, Inland Road, the "berry" roads (Huckleberry, Blueberry, Boxberry, Cran- berry); and a portion of County Road; (2) the "Dexter Beach area" from approximately Stoney Run Lane to, and including, Bass Point Road and side roads; and (3) the "South Converse area" from approximately Cove Street to 1 Converse Road, including side roads. The Amendment is to expand the scope of work to include the installation of sewer ties, grinder pumps, etc. from the streets to the houses to be serviced by the expanded sewer system. The installations will occur within existing driveways and/or maintained lawn. At the conclusion of work, trenches will be backfilled, compacted and seeded/paved to pre-existing conditions. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 11/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:10 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1209 submitted by PATRICIA VAN DEN BROEK to add stone to eroded areas along the edge of the seawall at 34 Point Road, and add fill to potholes in low areas. The property is further identified as Lot 26 on Marion Assessors' Plan 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 11/18</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #883 The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Dorothy Ann Darling, 65 Sarah Sherman Road, Assessors plan 28 lot 8K, who is seeking a special permit under VIII.D.1. to allow a business in the agricultural/residential district. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004, 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard D. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/11, 11/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #882 The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Daniel J. Mullens, (Barnes Tree Service) 123 Dexter Lane, Assessors plan 6 lot 46, who is seeking a special permit under VIII.C.2.d. to allow the construction of an oversized garage; a special permit under VIII.B.1. to allow construction on an unaccepted Town road and a variance from the 80' setback requirements under VIII.D.8. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard D. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/11, 11/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at 4:45 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the variance application requested by Victor J. and Victoria B. Brier, pertaining to the property located at 163 County Road. The property is further identified as Lot 40C on Assessors' Plan 22. The following variance is requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater; To install the bottom of the soil absorption system four (4) feet above the maximum high groundwater rather than the minimum five (5) foot requirement. Elizabeth S. Dunn, Chairman 11/11, 11/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #884 The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Calvin & Patricia Maxim, 227 Ryder Road, Assessors plan 21 lot 5 J, who are seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a. to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard D. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/11, 11/18</p>



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The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club cordially invites tri-town senior citizens to the final dress performance of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30 pm in the Gilbert D Bristol Auditorium. Admission for this dress performance is free and donations for local food pantries are welcome.

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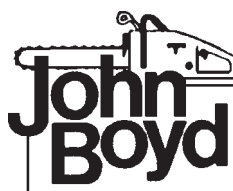
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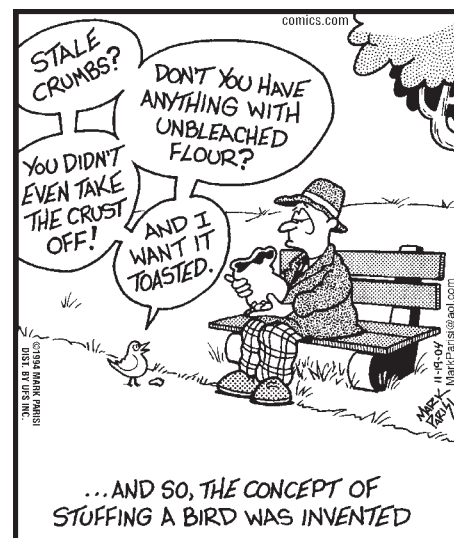
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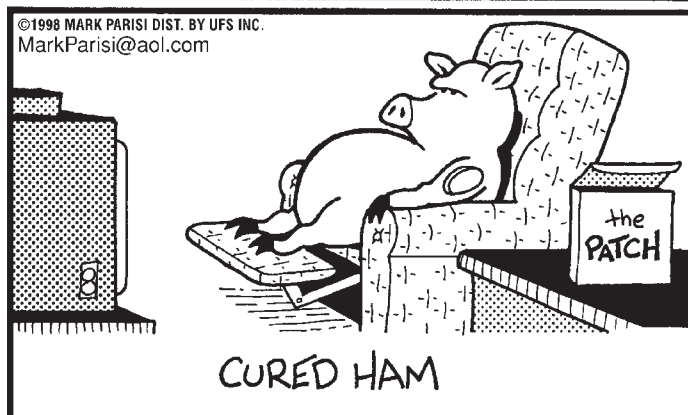
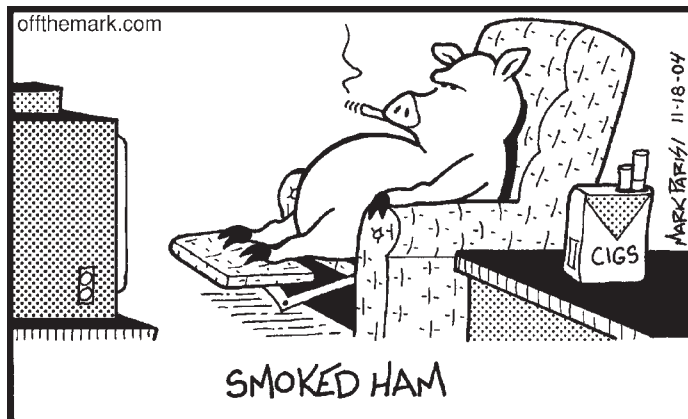
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November 19:	Fri.	1:09	1:40	7:02	8:36
November 20:	Sat.	2:12	2:43	9:02	9:26
November 21:	Sun.	3:14	3:44	10:05	10:03
November 22:	Mon.	4:12	4:40	10:53	10:32
November 23:	Tues.	5:05	5:31	11:33	10:59
November 24:	Wed.	5:53	6:16	11:59	11:29
November 25:	Thurs.	6:36	6:58	...	12:38
November 26:	Fri.	7:16	7:38	12:01	1:10
November 27:	Sat.	7:54	8:17	12:41	1:45
November 28:	Sun.	8:31	8:56	1:21	2:21
November 29:	Mon.	9:09	9:38	2:02	2:59
November 30:	Tues.	9:48	10:21	2:43	3:38
December 1:	Wed.	10:28	11:07	3:25	4:19
December 2:	Thurs.	11:11	11:55	4:09	5:03
December 3:	Fri.	11:57	...	4:58	5:55
December 4:	Sat.	12:44	12:48	5:57	6:57
December 5:	Sun.	1:32	1:39	7:11	7:58

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